

**MINUTES
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MEETING OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE
 STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION HELD OCTOBER
 16th & 17th, 1922, RICHMOND, VA.

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As per call, the Commission met at Richmond on the morning of October 16th, those being present were H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, R. K. Sanders, and I. Walks Truxtun, and proceeded to Goochland where they inspected Route No. 19 from Goochland C. H. to Dogtown, from Dogtown to Fife, and the two Routes from Fife to Columbia, and from there to Dixie. Also Route No. 2 from Dixie to Palmyra and at 10:30 A. M. as per advertisement a meeting was held at the Town Hall in Columbia giving all those interested in the location of the Route No. 2 between Fork Union and Palmyra a hearing.

After a meeting the Commission went over the Route and carefully examined the same, returning to Columbia at 2:00 P. M. when a hearing was given to all those interested in the location of the road between Goochland via Fife to Dixie. After having this hearing and taking evidence in regard to which Route would best serve the interest of the Public, they proceeded to inspect and carefully examine the Routes advocated.

On the morning of Wednesday, October 17th, the Commission reconvened at their office in Richmond, those being present were, H. G. Shirley, Chairman, Wade H. Massie, Secretary, Hugh B. Sproul, R. K. Sanders, and I. Walks Truxtun.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as

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corrected.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the bid of W. W. Boxley, Roanoke, Va., on Project 170, Route 3, between Martinsville and Daniels Creek, 3.434 miles of 16 foot concrete road be accepted at his price of \$108,621.70 and that 10% be added for engineering and contingencies, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$119,483.87, time to complete 250 days, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that all bids be rejected on Project 256, Route 11, between Burke's Garden Siding and Tazewell, 1.99 miles of 16 foot bituminous macadam road, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman, as bids were too high. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that all bids be rejected on the following Projects:

Project 256 Route 11, Bridge over North Fork of Clinch River,
 " 2560 " 11, " " South Fork of " "
 " 256D " 11, " " Sulphur Spring Branch, on

account of bids being irregular and that Mr. Coleman be authorized to take up with the low bidder and see if irregularities can be corrected and report back. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the bid of the Pace Construction Company, Roanoke, Va., on Project No. 192A, Route No. 3, 3.86 miles north of Greenville towards Fairfield, a distance of 5 miles, 16 foot bituminous macadam road, be accepted at their price of \$125,146.55 and that 10% be added for

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engineering and contingencies, making a total of \$137,661.20 chargeable to this Project, time to complete 280 days, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the bid of the Clintwood Construction Company, Clintwood, Virginia, on Project 217, Route 11-E, Clintwood towards Fremont, 1.05 miles 12 foot bituminous macadam road be accepted at their price of \$31,296.23, and that 10% be added for engineering and contingencies, making a total of \$34,428.06 chargeable to this Project, time to complete 180 days, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the bid of the Southern Construction Company, Petersburg, Virginia, on Project 5-219 Route 18, Streets of Halifax, 1.838 miles of 18 and 24 foot concrete pavement be accepted at their price of \$51,586.41, and that 10% be added for engineering and contingencies, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$56,745.06, time to complete 240 days, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the bid of the Pittsburg-Deakins Steel Company, Pittsburg, Pa., on Project 170-B, Route 3, Bridge over Beaver Creek, 113 feet 4 inches long 19 foot roadway, be accepted at their price of \$3,002.01 and that 10% be added for engineering and contingencies, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$3,302.21, time to complete 90 days as recommended by

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Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that bids of L. J. Chandler, Virgilina, Virginia, on Project 130, Route 25, Greenwich-Kilford Mills, 0.928 miles 12 foot Waterbound Macadam Surface treated at his price of \$18,502.25 and that 10% be added for engineering and contingencies, making a total of \$20,352.47 chargeable to this Project and Project 203, Route 25, New Baltimore-Greenwich, 1.405 miles 12 foot surface treated Waterbound Macadam road at his price of \$29,694.45, and that 10% be added for engineering and contingencies, making a total of \$32,665.90 chargeable to this Project, be accepted as recommended by Commissioner Coleman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that there be added to the State System, under the 2½% Clause, the road leading from Old Glade Springs through McGalls Gap to Saltville, a distance of a little over 7 miles, provided the right of way over this route is secured free of cost to the Commission. Motion carried.

A committee consisting of Mr. F. S. McClandish, Col. G. A. Beane, Mr. G. F. Harrison and Mr. Ronald Blake, appeared before the Commission and requested that they be given the assurance that if the \$12,000,000. bond issue was passed by the Legislature, that the Commission would repay the money advanced by Fairfax County to build Lee Highway in a definite period of time. The Commission advised the delegation that

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they could not anticipate the action of the Legislature and therefore, could give no such assurance, but that it would be the policy of the Commission to allocate such sums as they may have available, to such Projects to repay the advances just as though no advancements had been made or the work completed. The Committee was also advised that the Chain Bridge Road would be maintained as a detour until the Lee Highway had been completed.

Mr. R. B. Preston, County Engineer of Norfolk County, appeared before the Commission and requested that Route 27 be located and built by way of Pentress rather than on the line as surveyed. After a thorough discussion of the advantages of this line with Mr. Preston, it was moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul that Route 27 leading from Norfolk south, being a secondary line, be located so as to pass near Pentress and thence along the west side of the railroad tracks so as to avoid the present grade crossings. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be requested to write Mr. David A. Decker, President of the American Association of Engineers, Norfolk-Portsmouth Chapter that the members of the Commission, other than the Chairman, regret that they will be unable to accept the Chapter's kind invitation to be present at their meeting on October 19th in Norfolk. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the Chairman be authorized to secure options on rights of way for

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for both routes between Wytheville and Bland and report back to the Commission when this had been done. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the time for a hearing on the location of the Richmond-Fredericksburg Road be set for Monday, November 27th at 2:00 P. M. o'clock in the Assembly Hall at the office of the State Highway Commission, Tenth and Marshall Streets, Richmond, Virginia. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be authorized to have surveys and estimates made for improving Route No. 22 in Craig County, between Catawba Sanatorium and New-Castle, with a view of bridging the streams crossing this Highway. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that a permit be granted to Harry B. Spear, Norfolk, Virginia, to erect and maintain a pole line on the right of way of State Highway No. 5 between Franklin and Courtland in Southampton County under the usual regulations governing such permits. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the bid of Pardoe-Gillespie and Company, Fairfax, Virginia, on Project 168, Route 6, Chantilly-Loudoun County Line, 5.01 miles of 16 foot bituminous macadam road be accepted at their price of \$122,615.22 and that 10% be added for engineering and contingencies, making a total of \$134,876.74 chargeable to this Project, provided, however, that the time to complete of 360 days be reduced to 270 days, this being the lowest bid received. Motion carried.

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of the bid.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the following awards be approved:

Project 160, Route 5, Suffolk, Five Miles West, let to Hoyer-Ferguson Company, High Point, N.C., at their bid of \$124,347.18 with 10% added for engineering and contingencies, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$136,781.90.

Project 160, Route 5, Bridge over Pitch Kettle Creek, let to Allport Construction Company, Richmond, Va, the bridge to be built with 22 feet roadway instead of 19 feet as advertised and increasing their bid of \$8763.59 by \$511.50, making a total of \$9275.09 chargeable to this Project.

Project 32, Route 6, Chantilly-Fairfax, let to L.R.Colbert Fredericksburg, Va. at his bid of \$13,867.00 with 10% added for engineering and contingencies, making a total chargeable to this Project of \$15,253.70.

Project 12508, Route 6, Mt.Zion Church-Station 1634+12, let to L. R. Colbert at his bid of \$7,373.27 with 10% added for engineering and contingencies, making a total of \$8,110.59 chargeable to this Project.

Project 161, Route 18, Staples Store-North Carolina Line, let to W. W. Tuok, Virgilina, Va., at his bid of \$7,019.99 with 10% added for engineering and contingencies, making a total of \$7,721.99 chargeable to this Project.

Project 173, route 1, 1.26 miles north of Falling Creek to Dutch Gap Road, let to C. M. Henley, Richmond, Va., at his bid of \$155,213.04 with 10% added for engineering and contingencies

making a total of \$170,734.34 chargeable to this Project.

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Project 202, Route 9, Louisa-Cobham, let to L. R. Colbert at his bid of \$181,445.89 with 10% added for engineering and contingencies making a total chargeable to this Project of \$199,590.48.

Project 121, Route 5, Assawoman Creek Bridge extension, let to Pittsburgh-DesMoines Steel Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. roadway to be widened from 16 to 19 feet, increasing their bid of \$7,301.54 by \$1389.45, making a total of \$8,690.99 chargeable to this Project.

Project 125-A, Route ^{2 1/2} 5, Fairfax-Loudoun County Line, let to L. R. Colbert, at his bid of \$97,448.10, with 10% added for engineering and contingencies, making a total of \$107,192.91 to be charged to this Project. Motion carried.

General J. P. Jarvey, City Manager of Portsmouth, and Mr. Earl H. Wright, appeared before the Commission and requested that the Highway Commission take over the section of road between Deep Creek and North Carolina Line, known as State Highway 12-X.

Moved by Mr. Fruxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the application to advance funds under the Robertson Act to construct Route No. 12-X be accepted upon personal assurance of General J. P. Jarvey that the Commission will not be expected to start the work until he has furnished the Highway Commission of Virginia with assurance satisfactory to the Commission that the said Route will be met at the Virginia-North Carolina Line by an improved road leading from South Hill and connecting there with the North Carolina Highway System. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the following traffic officers be appointed as recommended by Commissioner Coleman:

B. H. Elliott, Maintenance Patrolman, Route 14, Section A.
 W. T. Nichols, Maintenance Patrolman, Route 13, Section C.
 J. P. Hope, Maintenance Patrolman, Route 19, Section A.
 W. R. Winner, Suffolk-Norfolk, Route 5, Drivers, Virginia.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the following increases in salary be approved as recommended by Commissioner Coleman, effective October 15, 1922.

J. M. Hagan, Asst. Dist. Engr., Salary \$175 increased to \$200.
 R. B. Berry, Proj. Engineer, Salary 150 increased to 165.
 E. L. Nicou, Proj. Engineer, Salary 150 increased to 165.
 Carroll Speights, Proj. Engr, Salary 135 increased to 150.
 W. E. Andrews, Asst. Instrument. Salary 90 increased to 100.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that permit be granted the Spotsylvania Power Company to place electric light wires on the Falmouth Bridge, Route 1, Project 225, under the usual regulations, provided however, that they will erect and maintain satisfactory lights on this bridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that an appropriation of \$5000. for the construction of a gravel road across Mathews Field to connect with the present improved section of Route 10 in Prince George County be made as recommended by G. F. Coleman, Commissioner, in his letter of September 22nd. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Chairman be authorized to have plans and estimates prepared on

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the bridges on Route 10 between Norfolk and Virginia Beach, one over Thalia Arm of Lynn Haven River and one over Lynn Haven River and submitted to the Commission for further action. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission approve the action of the Chairman in authorizing Mr. Coleman to have plans and specifications prepared for the work on section of road between Claypool Hill and the Convict Camp southwest of Tazewell and also survey of section of road from Claypool Hill, Route 11, southwest towards Rosedale. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be requested to have plans and estimates prepared for culverts and bridges at the open fords on Route 10-Y, Russell Co, between Lebanon and Hansonville and see what assistance will be given by the people to construct these culverts and bridges. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time on Project 154, Route 9, Williamsburg-Grove, be granted the S. E. Lee Construction Company to December 1st, 1922 with the understanding that they will complete the road on or before that date. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that an extension of time on Project 79, Route 1, Chappawamsic Creek Bridge, be granted Carpenter and Williams, of 30 days, as recommended by Commissioner Coleman in his letter of September 25th. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the Pace Construction Company be allowed an extension of time to December 1st on their contract for Project 120, Route 16, Smith Creek-Luray. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that C. S. Luck and Sons be granted an extension of time on their contract on Project 123, Route 12, Galax-Woodlawn, to November 29th, as recommended by Commissioner Uelman. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproui, that the resolution passed by the Commission at their meeting on August 4th, 1922, giving the Chairman authority to execute all agreements covering the two stage Federal Aid Projects and other Project Statements, be rescinded and the following resolution substituted therefor:

The Chairman of the State Highway Commission, for and on behalf of the Commission, is hereby authorized and directed to sign all Project Statements to be submitted for the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and to execute all Project Agreements between the State Highway Commission and the Secretary of Agriculture for the construction of Federal Aid Road Projects in the State of Virginia. Motion carried.

The Commission recessed for lunch and reconvened at 2:00 P.M. o'clock in the Assembly Room and gave a hearing to all who were interested in the location of Route No. 9, between Richmond and Providence Forge. After hearing all who wished to be heard on this question, the Commission continued their meeting

in the Commission's room up stairs.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Road between Richmond and Providence Forge, known as State Highway No. 9, be located in the most direct route from Providence Forge to a point near Mountcastle, thence to a point just east of Bottoms Bridge, thence through Seven Pines to Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Shirley, that the Commission adopt the line from Goochland by way of Degtown by the most direct route via Fife, Columbia, thence to Dixie. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fruxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the location of Route No. 2, from Fork Union north be by the way of Dixie to west side of Palmyra. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the application of the Town of Parksley to add to the State System, under the 2½% Clause, the section of road from the Arms House to Parksley, be deferred until such time as the other applications to add to the State System under this Clause are taken up for determination. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Fruxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that Mr. Coleman be authorized to take up with the Bureau of Public Roads the question of outlining the primary and secondary highways on which Federal Aid is to be expended and report back to the Commission the result of his conference. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the

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equipment necessary for the road force in Tazewell County, costing approximately \$11,000, be purchased so that the Tazewell County equipment, now being used, may be returned. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that necessary steps be taken by the Chairman to secure the \$20,000. appropriation for building the Parkersburg Pike from West Augusta to the Highland County line. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the State Highway Commission of Virginia request the Forestry Service to take over and include in the 7% Forestry Road System the section of road from Lebanon on Route 9, southwest to the Bath County line. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Commission accept the application to advance \$40,000.00 under the Robertson Act to construct the section of Route 21 in Arlington County between the Town of Falls Church and Falls Hill, 1-3/8 Miles. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Truxtun, seconded by Mr. Massie, that the request of the Town of Onancock to include in the State System under the 2 1/2% Clause, the section of road through the Town of Onancock to the wharf be deferred until such time as similar applications are brought up for determination. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the request to include the road leading from Roanoke via Bent Mountain and Floyd to the Carroll County line in the State system under the 2 1/2% Clause, be deferred until such time as similar applications

are taken up for determination. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the Chairman be authorized to grant permits under the rules and regulations of the Commission to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia to replace poles on the Winchester-Harrisonburg Road, Winchester-Boyce Road, Berryville-Millwood Road, and to place ten new poles and remove eight line poles on the Berryville-Charles Town Road and also to construct a section of new telephone line along the State Highway west of Big Stone Gap. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxton, that the Commission accept the application by the Board of Supervisors Wise County to advance \$100,000. under the Robertson Act for the construction of Route 11 in Wise County between Dickenson County Line and Denkey in Wise County. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Massie, that a permit be granted Dr. J. L. Alexander to place a water line along the Valley Pike for 176 feet and cross the road to a new dwelling under the usual regulations for such permits. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that the following allocations be made as recommended by Commissioner Coleman:

Proj. S147	Route 18,	Gladys-Brockneal	\$2790.17
"	S220	" 1, Alexandria City Limits-RF&PR	991.99
"	S119	" 8, Champlain-Garet	700.00
"	116	" 10, Cabin Point-Surry C.E.	2929.91

at No. 24 by Cl.	Proj. 899 Route 12, Keeling-Vernon Hill \$7668.48 " 153, " 2, Redoak-Blue Stone Creek 6200.00 " 148 " 12, Vernon Hill-Houston 3500.00 " 152 " 12, Pittsylvania Co.L.-Vernon Hill 2078.30 " 24 " 14, Wilson Creek-Longdale Furnace 12000.00 " 122 " 10, Jonesville, West 2500.00 " 73B " 11, Bridge over North Fork Clinch Rv. 219.94 " 129 " 11, Coeburn-Morton 700.00 " 121 " 5, Behrell-Courtland 3500.00 " 110 " 22, Bridge over Mason Creek 325.65 " 104 " 10, Roanoke-Blue Ridge Springs 2321.00 " 149 " 3, Tinkers Creek-Gloverdale 109.88 " 102 " 3, Fishers Hill Revision 12500.00 " 165&154 " 9, Williamsburg-Lee Hall 6000.00 " 179 " 9, Williamsburg-Tosno 4000.00
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Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Sproul, that Project No. 109, Route 9, through the Town of Louisa, be increased in width from 16 to 18 feet at an additional cost of approximately \$1200.00 as recommended by Commissioner Coleman, and that an additional allocation of \$1200.00 be made for this purpose. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Truxtun, that the meeting adjourn until called by the Chairman. Motion carried.

APPROVED:-

ATTESTED:-

W. B. Massie

W. F. Sproul
Chairman.